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ACADEMY OF MUSIC NOTES.

The Ethics of Performance Continuing into Sunday Morning; As to Sweeping of Stage and Leaving Before the Curtain Goes Down.

The play Saturday night gives one who notices such things much chance for moralizing as well as for criticism.

For instance, one might ask why the house was crowded so that only standing room was left when the night was the most inclement of the season.

It seems that the high priced shows do not always make the greatest hits. While there is no doubt that "Madame Sherry" is a first class show, and was portrayed by as good a company of actors as ever comes to Sumter with such shows, it was not, on the whole, as good as was the "Three Twins," a lower priced show, traveling with a larger company which had a livelier and a better chorus and made much more of a hit a representative Sumter audience. Also the audience at the Academy of Music was not so large when the "Three Twins" was here as it was for "Madame Sherry." It seems that the reputation a show gets through its various means of advertising makes or unmakes it.

The question arose in the minds of many of those present Saturday night whether they should stay and see the show to its completion, so as to get their money's worth or leave so as to get home by midnight. Which should the audience do? This is a question which, of course, each person must answer for himself or herself, as the case might be, but at the same time it is one which the person hates to decide either way. Saturday night the performance went considerable over into Sunday morning, but there were only a few, perhaps half a dozen, who left from religious scruples. The others if they had religious scruples did not go, remained and got their money's worth.

Another question comes up at this point. Should the police allow a show to continue its performance after midnight, when it laps over into Sunday morning? There may or may not be a city ordinance against performances of this kind continuing over into Sunday morning, but there is certainly a statute of the State forbidding it. Saturday night Chief Bradford, and perhaps other policemen, were present during the performance, though it cannot be stated with accuracy whether they remained until the performance was completed, but it is probable that they did. Was it their duty to stop the performance as soon as Sunday morning arrived?

During the time the curtain was down and stage scenery was being shifted, the stage hands were put to work sweeping off the stage, much to the annoyance of the audience, as clouds of dust were swept into the crowded orchestra. There was no doubt that the floor needed such a sweeping, and the actresses are not blamed as they could not afford to come on the stage in their handsome costumes and kneel and perform their other acts when the floor was so dirty and they knew that the costumes would be almost ruined. The question is, could not that stage floor have been swept, cleaned and garnished before the audience arrived and the performance was commenced? The stage floor badly needs a new carpet and whoever looks after such things and whose duty it is to get one should see that a new carpet is provided.

There is one more question which arises in the mind of the observer. Why is it that, when the curtain rises at 9 o'clock, everybody is not present? Eight-thirty is late enough for any show to commence and at the same time give sufficient time for everybody to be present. It is certainly kind of Manager Ryttenberg to allow the show to commence later so that clerks may have the opportunity to attend, and he is commended for doing so.

were not the clerks who had to stay in the stores until 8:45, they were other persons who had no excuse for being late, except possibly that they could not get their motor cars to crank right away after they were ready to leave home.

Also, it seems that the audience might be willing to wait just a few minutes longer (even if it is Sunday morning) and remain seated until the curtain goes down on the last act before they commence putting on wraps, preparatory to leaving, and start to leave before the act is completed. This is annoying to the actors and also to the others in the audience. A few minutes will not make a great amount of difference. If they are in a hurry to go home they have an opportunity to leave before the last act commences.

MAY RE-ESTABLISH DISPENSARIES.

Senate Passes to House Bill Authorizing Election on Second Tuesday in Next February.

Columbia, Feb. 10.—The substitute amendment to the bill of Senator Lide to permit the re-establishment of dispensaries in Orangeburg county was passed in the senate yesterday morning and sent to the house. The bill as it now stands empowers all those counties that are not allowed by the Carey-Cochran law and other acts to vote on the question, to hold an election on the second Tuesday in February, 1913, for that purpose.

The Lide bill has been under consideration for some time. It seemed yesterday that the discussions would be continued, but, after much filibustering and the offering of amendments that were killed, the Montgomery substitute was accepted and the bill sent to the house. The most far-reaching amendment that was killed was the one prohibiting the establishment of dispensaries within five miles of county lines.

The Montgomery substitute follows:

"That on the second Tuesday in February, 1913, any county in this State shall have the right to hold an election for or against the sale and manufacture of alcoholic liquors and beverages, and such election shall be held and conducted by the same officers and under the same rules and regulations provided by law of general elections: Provided, That before any such election shall be held there shall be filed with the county supervisor of such county before the first day of December of such year a petition in writing, praying for such election, signed by one-fourth of the qualified electors of such county. Said supervisor shall give 30 days' notice, by advertisement, of such election. Successive elections under this act may be held, but not in any one county oftener than once in four years."

There is a proviso to this amendment that exempts those counties from the provisions of the bill that may hold elections in 1912 under the Carey-Cochran act or any other law. The bill as it stands will allow "wet" counties to vote the dispensary out and "dry" counties to reestablish them.

NEWS FROM PINWOOD.

Knights of Pythias Elect Officers at Pinewood.

Pinewood, Feb. 9.—At a recent meeting of Pinewood Lodge Knights of Pythias, No. 124, the following members were elected to serve as officers during 1912, as follows:

C. C.—Walter D. Epperson.
V. C.—John J. Broughton.
Prelate—F. M. Graham.
M. of W.—O. D. Harvin.
K. of R. and S.—Clifford B. Kolb.
M. of F.—Clifford B. Kolb.
M. of Ex.—A. G. Stack.
M. at A.—E. C. Geddings.
I. G.—P. H. Broughton.
O. G.—F. B. Hodge.

Trustees: O. D. Harvin 1912; T. B. Mims 1913; J. E. Broughton 1914.

This lodge meets the first and third Wednesday nights in each month, therefore the new officers will be installed on the third Wednesday night of February, the 21st. A full attendance is urged for this meeting.

Mr. A. G. Stack is building a new flight of stairs on the outside of his store with a landing at the top to lead into the K. of P. hall.

Rev. H. R. Murchison came over last Monday from Lancaster and he and his family left this morning for their new home. Mr. Murchison and his excellent family will be greatly missed from our town. They have endeared themselves in the hearts of all the people of Bishopville and there is universal regret at their leaving. May God's richest blessing follow them in their new home.—Bishopville Vindicator.

A number of awnings were broken down by the heavy fall of snow Saturday and Sunday which partly blocked the sidewalks Monday for a

EXALTED RULER BLEASE.

SUPREME OFFICER OF CAROLINA ANANIAS CLUB.

Clerk Means, of Sinking Fund Commission Calls at Executive Office and Informs His Excellency That He is Supreme and Without a Peer in His Chosen Line of Endeavor.

Columbia, Feb. 11.—"There is some rascality going on in the sinking fund commission," said the governor of South Carolina.

"Governor, whoever says or intimates that I am connected in any way with any rascality states that which is absolutely and infamously false," replied D. H. Means, clerk of the sinking fund commission, while standing in the office of the chief executive yesterday. The governor had just refused to sign a paper advertising the sale of the old State dispensary building. Mr. Means remained in the office for several minutes, waiting for the governor to make reply to his final statement. He then went out.

The advertisement appeared with the signatures of all members of the commission except that of the governor.

"The governor, when the incident was mentioned, commenced to talk about the members of the sinking fund commission being his political enemies," Mr. Means continued, "and I told him that was no business of mine." This was the statement made by Mr. Means yesterday in describing an incident in the office of the governor, in response to an inquiry by a representative of The State.

The sinking fund commission meeting on Thursday afternoon elected J. Fraser Lyon as permanent chairman of the commission to take the place of the governor. Several days ago the sinking fund commission met and decided to sell the old State dispensary building. The matter of preparing an advertisement and fixing a minimum price on the property was left to a subsequent meeting. The members of the commission requested the governor to call a meeting. The governor refused to call a meeting before March 1. Last Thursday a minor claim was brought up and the governor called a meeting of the commission to consider that claim. All the members were present except Senator Mauldin and Gov. Bleasie. Mr. Means, the clerk, called up the governor's office. He was not there. The governor was called at the executive mansion.

"He asked me," said Mr. Means, "in the presence of the commission to say to the commission that he, the governor, desired the sinking fund commission to elect a permanent vice chairman, so as to relieve him from signing or having to sign checks and papers as chairman of the commission. I repeated the message back to the governor over the telephone in the presence of the members of the commission loud enough for the commission to hear, and the governor telephoned his assent to the accuracy of this repeated message."

"The commission refused to obey the suggestion of the governor. Attorney General Lyon was elected chairman in place of the governor."

The members of the sinking fund commission are: W. J. Mauldin, chairman of the finance committee of the senate; Lowndes J. Browning, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house; A. W. Jones, the comptroller general; R. H. Jennings, the State treasurer; J. Fraser Lyon, attorney general, and the governor. Senator Mauldin was not present at the meeting Thursday when the governor was displaced as chairman of the commission but he signed to the advertisement.

Mr. Means has on file a written statement signed by himself as to the message the governor delivered to him over the telephone and repeated to the governor and the commission, and a written statement signed by the governor as to what this message was, and the two agree substantially, according to Mr. Means, who said that he gave the above statement after being questioned by newspaper men.

To go To Convention.

Sumter will be represented in Charleston at the great Men and Religion Forward Movement convention which will be held there Tuesday and Wednesday by Mr. Carl A. Witherspoon, assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and Rev. J. P. Marion, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Dr. C. C. Brown, pastor of the First Baptist church and Rev. J. N. Tolar, pastor of the Washington Street Baptist Church.

Mr. Witherspoon left yesterday for Charleston to attend the convention and the other delegates went down this morning. After attending the convention for the two days it will be in session, these delegates will return to Sumter and make arrangements for a mass meeting.

AN INTERESTING MEETING.

MISS RUSSELL AND SUPT. SEIGLER ADDRESS COUNTY TEACHERS ON WORK IN THEIR COUNTIES.

Plans for School Day Announced—To Be Held on Saturday, April 13 at County Court House—Mr. Williams and Supt. Haynsworth Want Boys to Join Corn Club—Field Day Challenged to County School Day.

The meeting of the Sumter County Teachers' Association held in the Hampton school building Friday was one of the most interesting teachers' meetings ever held in this city. Plans for County School Day were announced at the meeting and Miss Leila Russell of York County and Superintendent of Education Seigler of Aiken County made very interesting addresses to the teachers.

The meeting was well attended and was in every way a success. Supt. Haynsworth, as president of the Sumter County Teachers' Association, presided and made a few remarks of interest and helpful to the teachers in their work. He and Mr. J. Frank Williams, a trustee and president of the Farmers' Union, spoke strongly in favor of getting the teachers in the county to interest their girls and boys in the work of the corn and tomato clubs.

Miss Russell told of her work in York County, where she is supervisor of rural schools. She showed the teachers where she had helped the teachers in the rural districts in her county and gave them advice about their work and how to make it interesting to the children in the schools. Her address was listened to with the deepest attention and many of the teachers stated that it was the best practical address of its kind which they had ever heard.

Mr. Seigler told of how they had secured the services of a supervising teacher in the rural schools of his county and the good which she was doing in assisting the teachers in their work. He urged the teachers to do work outside of the school room, as it was this work which counted most with the children and the parents in the end.

The plans for County School Day were then read by Prof. W. M. Scott, of the boys high school who was chairman of the committee to arrange the plans. They outlined the work which would be taken up on School Day and the prizes which would be awarded to the children who were successful in the competitions. An addition to the prizes offered last year was made at the suggestion of Mr. Williams that a prize be given to the boy bringing in the best ear of corn, the boys competing to be members of the Boys' Corn Club.

During Miss Russell's address she mentioned the fact that in her county they had held such exercises as were held here last year, but that in place of calling the exercise Field Day, which was a misnomer, they had called it County School Day. Later on during the discussion Mr. Scott proposed that this change in nomenclature be made as it was more appropriate. Prof. Edmunds also made a motion that Mr. Scott be extended the thanks of the association for his work in securing the prizes and in his efforts to make the occasion a success. This motion was unanimously carried.

It was decided that County School Day would be held this year on Saturday, April 13th, at the county court house as last year. An all day basket picnic and old time picnic dinner to be a part of the occasion. The prizes announced were practically the same as last year. The program will be completed and published later.

A Great Preacher Called Home.

News was received here yesterday by Miss Robinson announcing the sudden death of Dr. Henry Wise Tribble of Lake City, Florida. During the past three years, he has been president of Columbia College of Lake City. For fourteen years he labored in Charlottesville, during which time he was the able president of Rawlings Institute, the well known school for girls. Dr. Tribble will be missed in all the great conventions and meetings, and the Baptists have lost a great factor.

Besides being a great preacher, educator, and reformer he was a friend to people who needed a helping hand more than money.

Memorial services will be held Sunday at the High Street Baptist church of Charlottesville, Virginia, of which he was the founder.

L. E. R.

Sumter Feb. 8.

Zeth Phelps, a car repairer was frozen to death on Rutledge avenue, Charleston, Saturday night, his body being found buried in the snow Sunday morning.

FARMERS' UNION NEWS

Practical Thoughts for Practical Farmers.

(Conducted by E. W. Dabbs, President S. C. Farmers Union.)

Some Random Thoughts.

Last week the writer attended two meetings to organize boys' corn clubs, one in Charleston and the other in St. George's, the county seat of Dorchester. The invitation to attend these meetings came from the agents of the United States farm demonstration work and was accepted by him to press home the importance of proper market facilities, if we are to derive beneficial results from improved agriculture and increased production. The News and Courier's report of the Charleston meeting is given in part below:

It was not hard to see that a Charleston audience thought a "hay seed" out of place when he undertook to tell citizens of the commercial metropolis of the State anything about markets and marketing. However, that will not deter him from the course he has mapped out for the Union, and hammering on it until it is recognized and acted upon, viz: that we must take hold of the marketing of our crops, and that we demand of the State and National Governments at least equal aid in the scientific distribution of our crops that is given in their production.

At Dorchester the audience was two or three times as large as at any of the other points, Sumter, Bishopville and Charleston, that the writer has visited; and it was a live one too. It was very gratifying to have Mr. W. W. Long of the extension work of the National department of agriculture impress upon his audience the importance of the work outlined by the Farmers' Union, and to emphatically endorse our position that "production without distribution is sometimes a curse." We told Mr. Long and our audiences in Charleston, Sumter, Bishopville and St. George's that the reason it is so hard to get farmers to adopt the methods of scientific rotation so insisted on by his department, and the best of the agricultural press, is that we have no system of marketing that will insure to the growers a just price for his produce. This is the principal reason. And because it is so the Farmers Union can do no better work than to make marketing the great subject of our study and endeavor.

In this connection we will publish an interview with Secretary Wilson. It has been charged that he is running his great department in the interest of the consumers. In another article we will try to show that this is only partly true.

E. W. D.

New and Courier.

Distribution of Crops.

President Dabbs, of the State Farmers' Union, the next speaker, digressed somewhat from the topic taken up by the other speakers, taking as his subject the marketing and proper distribution of crops. The South Carolina farmer, together with his brothers in other parts of the South, has not yet learned the art of placing his crops and output of his fields in such a manner as to receive the best price, taught to other peoples of the earth through hard experience, wars and famines, that in time of plenty he must prepare for the lean years—in short, that the production, distribution and consumption are not the same and do not go hand in hand every year. The State Farmers' Union has taken upon itself the task of teaching the farmer how to receive a just reward for his toil and labor in years when crops are abundant and there is a so-called over-production, resulting in the demoralization of markets, and to loss of hundreds of millions of dollars for lack of a system of marketing.

The organization, said Mr. Dabbs, is also insisting that scientific commerce and its principles be taught in the various colleges and institutes of learning.

President Dabbs discussed the State warehouse bill, showing that this idea was not by any means a new one, having been first advanced in 1789 in this State, when it was proposed to erect a series of storage houses in Charleston, between this city and Columbia, near Augusta and other cities in this vicinity in order to take care of tobacco. In the words of the Statute of 1789, "As well to prevent fraud between buyer and seller, and to keep tobacco (the product of this State) from coming into disrepute abroad." And to protect the home planter from experience which he has undergone during the past with cotton. President Dabbs also put in a strong word for co-operation be-

CLARK CAPTURES MISSOURI.

GOVERNOR FOLK QUITS FIGHT FOR NOMINATION.

Prevents Threatened Split of Missouri Democrats — Action Taken After Speaker Agrees to Divide State's Delegation at Baltimore Convention.

St. Louis, Feb. 10.—Former Governor Joseph W. Folk withdrew as an active candidate for the Democratic nomination for President today.

He withdrew after he had received a telegram from Champ Clark, in which he agreed to divide the Missouri delegation to the Democratic National Convention, as recently suggested by William J. Bryan.

Mr. Folk not only agreed to divide the delegation, but asked his friends to make no further effort in his behalf. He promised to support Mr. Clark.

Friends of Mr. Folk said he will have half of the State delegation, which is to be selected at Joplin on February 20, but that the Folk men on the delegation will support Mr. Clark. If it is seen that Speaker Clark cannot get the nomination on a reasonable number of ballots in the Baltimore Convention, the former Governor will consider that he has the right to enter the race for the nomination.

Lon Sanders, Mr. Folk's manager, is authority for the statement that the former Governor has, as Sanders puts it, "practically withdrawn from the race." Sanders today announced that Folk headquarters here would be abandoned.

Everything Clark's Way.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 10.—Seventy-seven of the eighty-one counties, which reported up to 11 o'clock tonight on today's Democratic primaries, showed Champ Clark delegations, according to returns at the Clark-for-President headquarters. Three counties, Cape Girardeau, Barton and Mississippi, returned Folk delegations.

BOYS JOIN CORN CLUB.

Superintendent Haynsworth Gets Additional Names for Roll of Boys' Corn Club.

Superintendent of Education J. Herbert Haynsworth in his rounds through the country while visiting the various schools has secured the names of a number of boys who have expressed their desire to join the Boys' Corn Club of Sumter County. Interest to a greater or less degree in the work of the club seems to be general throughout the county, but as yet no active campaign has been commenced for membership as plans for the year have not yet been fully prepared.

The new names secured for enrollment in the club are:

F. Kinloch Bull, Dalzell; Scriven Moore, Horace Prescott, Sam Holliday, Hugh Seymour, Daniel Dawey Davis, Asbury Brunson, James Davis, Edward DeWitt, Herbert Brunson, Concord; Galphin Pritchard, Curtino Pritchard, Richard Pritchard, Herbert Geddings, Tindal.

Oyster Supper at Bethel.

There will be an oyster supper at Bethel Graded school, Privatzer, on Friday night, February 16th, for the benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The night service at the First Baptist church has been changed from 7:30 to 8 o'clock.

This has been a winter of disagreeable weather and more of it seems to be coming.

Between the people of the city and the rest of the State. He agreed that it is a function of government to teach the people how to farm, as evidenced by the activities of the agricultural colleges, and the teaching of agriculture in the schools, and the corn club work and then to provide good roads to enable the farmer to put his produce on the market—and there is no question about the constitutionality of these appropriations—then to round out the system and make it complete, the schools must teach scientific marketing, and the State operate and control such warehouses, as may be needed to properly distribute the crops so made under the fostering care of its educational system.

Other speakers of the afternoon were Mr. L. L. Baker, district agent of the farmers' co-operative demonstration work in North Carolina, and Mr. Leland, of McClellanville. At the conclusion of the meeting a resolution of thanks to the speakers and those attending from outside parts of the county, offered in behalf of the South Carolina Agricultural Society and the Chamber of Commerce by Capt. Stoney, was unanimously passed by the meeting.